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1. YOU SHOULD INFORM SIRRI THAT WE AGREE IT WOULD BE GOOD IF PROPOSED AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED WHEN FAHMY AND SULTAN ARE HERE IN EARLY AUGUST. WHILE AS PRACTICAL MATTER IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO COMPLETE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS BY AUGUST 12, WE ARE WILLING TO MAKE MAJOR EFFORT, BUT WE MUST ASK EGYPTIAN UNDERSTANDING THAT WITH BEST WILL ON ALL SIDES IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE ALL NEEDED STEPS BEFORE VISIT.

2. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED:

A. AS EGYPTIAN SIDE KNOWS, FOR IMPORTANT TACTICAL REASONS U.S. POLICY IS TO MOVE FORWARD ON NEGOTIATIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, WHILE KEEPING EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI AGREEMENTS MORE OR LESS PARALLEL. WE DO NOT YET HAVE
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ISRAELI REACTION TO DRAFT TEXT OF AGREEMENT, AND OUR

LATEST INDICATIONS ARE THAT KEY ISRAELIS WORKING ON THIS ARE AWAY AT THIS MOMENT. HOWEVER, WE WILL GO BACK TO THEM. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, IT IS PREFERABLE FOR ALL CONCERNED THAT WE BE IN A POSITION TO SUBMIT THE AGREEMENTS AND NOTES FOR BOTH COUNTRIES TO CONGRESS AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

B. WE WILL NEED EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON AMENDED VERSION OF TEXT ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED TO EGYPTIANS FOR CONSIDERATION INCLUDING ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO US.

C. PROCEDURES FOR SUCH SIGNINGS INVOLVE: 1) INITIALING OF AGREED TEXT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF EMBASSY CONCERNED, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND AEC; 2) SUBMISSION OF TEXT TO PRESIDENT NIXON FOR HIS APPROVAL AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO STATE DEPARTMENT AND AEC TO SIGN FOR USG. AFTER SIGNING, AGREEMENT IS THEN SUBMITTED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY OF CONGRESS FOR REVIEW.

D. FINALLY, IF ALL OF THESE STEPS CAN BE COMPLETED, WE WILL WANT TO DISCUSS TOGETHER DURING FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TWO TACTICAL POINTS. FIRST IS QUESTION OF WHETHER WE SHOULD PRESS AHEAD WHILE CONGRESS STILL DELIBERATING ON AID BILL OR WHETHER WE SHOULD LET DUST SETTLE A BIT ON THIS PROJECT, COMPLETE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON AID BILL AND THEN MOVE AHEAD. SECOND IS WHETHER FAHMY WISHES RISK HIGHLY VISIBLE SIGNING WHEN IT STILL POSSIBLE FOR CONGRESS TO BLOCK AGREEMENT DURING REVIEW PERIOD. ALTERNATIVE IS QUIET SIGNING WITH EMPHASIS ON ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN REVIEW PERIOD OVER, POSSIBLY AT TIME PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT.

3. AT CONCLUSION YOUR DISCUSSION, PLEASE EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING OUR OPTIONS OPEN ON SIGNING BECAUSE PROCEDURES MAY NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME DESPITE BEST EFFORT AND BECAUSE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER MAY TOGETHER DECIDE IT TACTICALLY BETTER TO GO MORE SLOWLY. ALONG THESE LINES, IT WOULD BE WISE ON BOTH SIDES TO DISCOURAGE PRESS SPECULATION ON TIMING
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OF SIGNING, AND WE WILL TAKE THIS APPROACH'

4. FYI. PRESSING DEMANDS OF CYPRUS CRISIS AND OTHER CRITICAL MATTERS HAVE DELAYED ACTION ON STRATEGY PAPER AND SUGGESTED LETTER TO SULTAN. NEVERTHELESS, IN MEETING WITH SULTAN BELIEVE YOU SHOULD TACTFULLY CONVEY THE THOUGHTS IN THE PROPOSED SISCO/SULTAN LETTER, PARTICULARLY ON QUESTION OF FINANCING. AGAIN, OUR

VIEW IS THAT IT MAY BE TACTICALLY BETTER TO LET
EGYPTIANS TRY IN THIS U.S. FISCAL YEAR TO DO WHAT IS
NECESSARY WITH NON-US FUNDING WHILE WE TAKE TIME TO SET
PRIORITIES AND PAVE WAY FOR CONSIDERATION OF SOME US
FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION LATER. WE KNOW YOU WILL PUT
THIS IN MOST POSITIVE LIGHT POSSIBLE. END FYI.
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